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**EVENT: Guilty Plea**

**Defendant: Mohamad H. Younes**

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**DEARBORN MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO CREDIT CARD & BANKRUPTCY FRAUD**

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A 56-year-old Dearborn man pleaded guilty today to one count of an Information charging him with a scheme to defraud a number of credit card companies and filing a bankruptcy petition in furtherance of that scheme, United States Attorney Stephen J. Murphy announced today.

Pleading guilty before U.S. District Judge Victoria A. Roberts was Mohamad Hassan Younes, of Dearborn, Michigan.

The fraud stems from Younes obtaining approximately 22 credit cards from credit card companies, banks and retail stores. Between February and June 2002, Younes used the credit cards to purchase electronic equipment, household furniture, clothes, and jewelry as well as cash advances. Younes sold many of the goods he acquired to others for 50% of their value. He also would use checks on a closed business checking account to pay some of the credit card accounts which would serve to temporarily increase his credit line. All told, Younes obtained about \$172,000 in goods and cash. On March 14, 2003, he filed a petition in bankruptcy in order to discharge all the debt he had fraudulently incurred.

There is no plea agreement between the government and Younes. The count to which he pleaded guilty, carries a maximum sentence of 5 years imprisonment and a \$250,000 fine.

Younes sentencing is scheduled for March 2, 2006 at 2 p.m.

The investigation of this case has been conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation with the support of the U.S. Trustees Office which administers bankruptcy cases. The case has been prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Ross I. MacKenzie